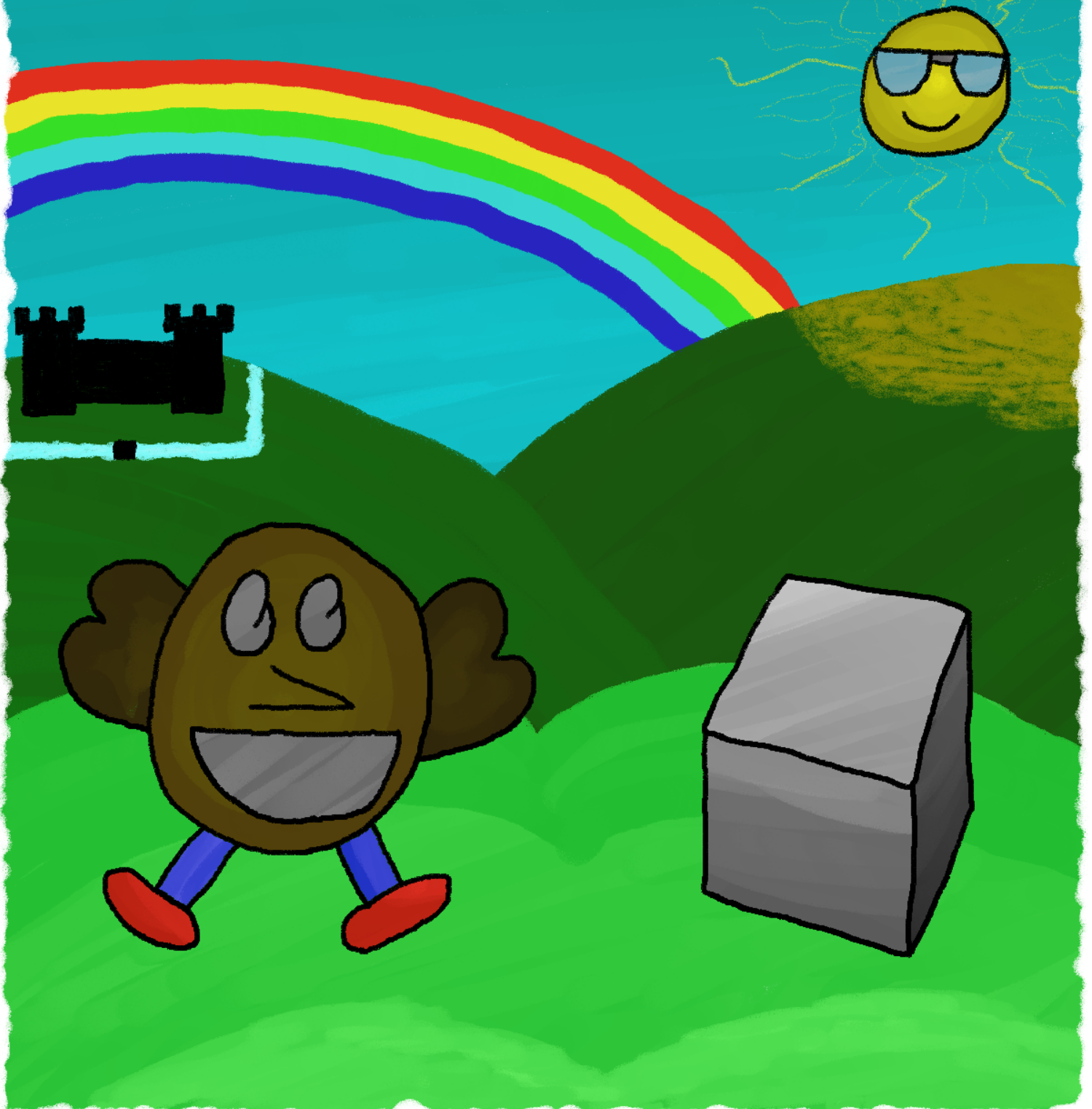
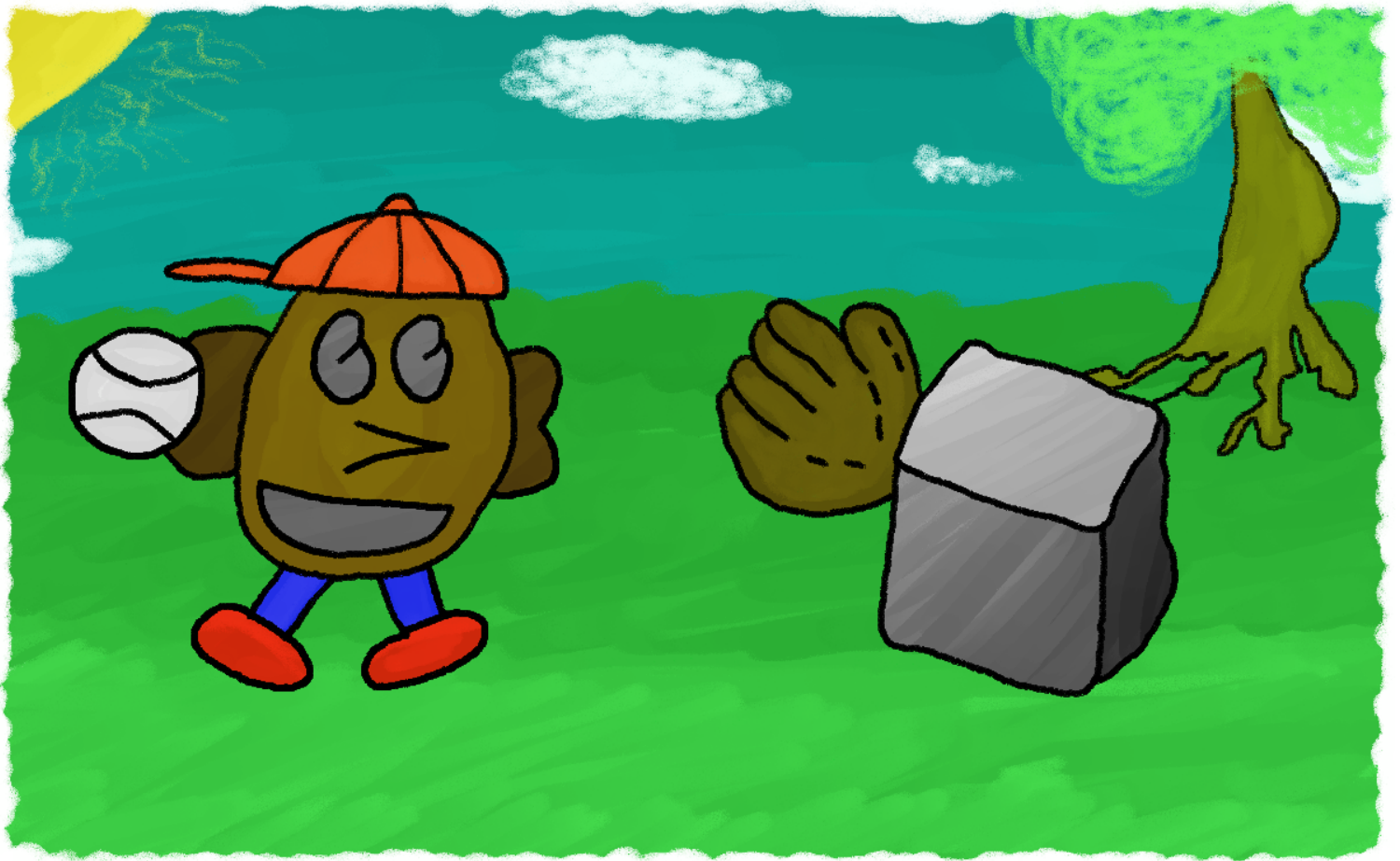


# Escapades of Hiratio

## The Rusty Steel





this day is today.

it is truly the grandest  
of days.

i am playing baseball  
with my friend steel.



you missed the ball.

*\*gasp\**

what is this discolouration  
on you steel?

it concerns me greatly.

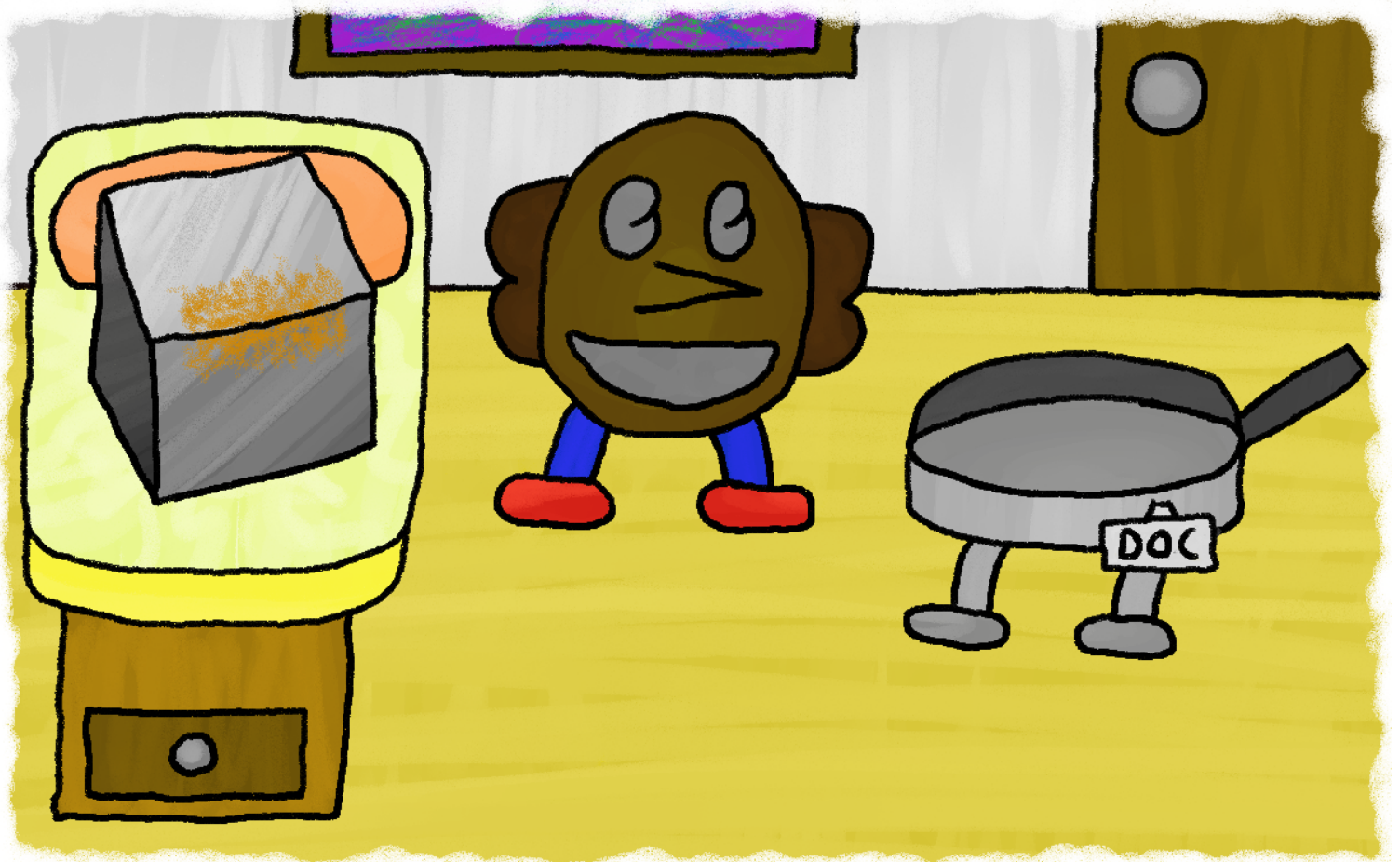




do not fret. i will take  
you to the doctor.

hiratio travels to the  
wellness clinic on his  
unicycle.



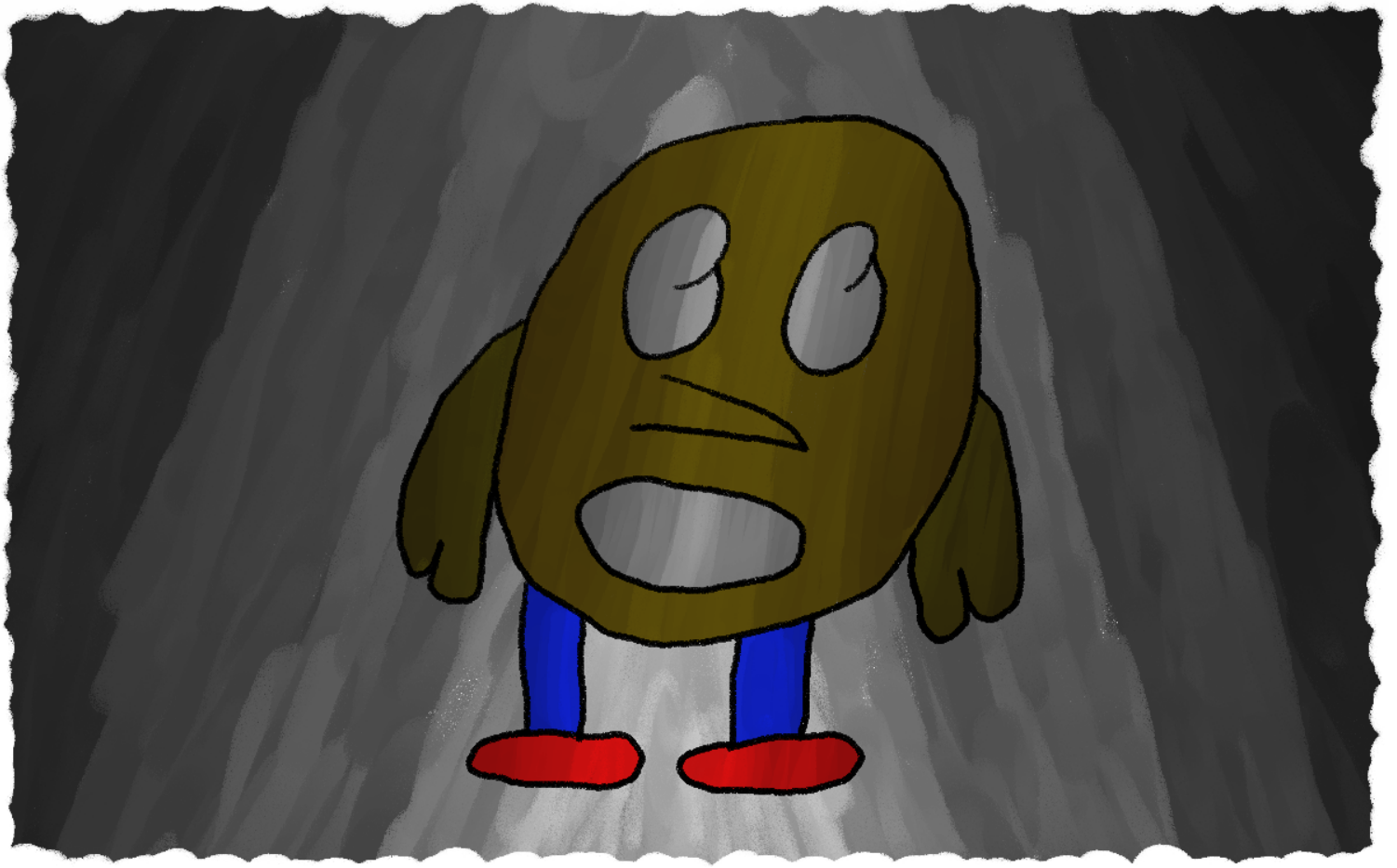


hello i am the doctor.  
i have good news  
and bad news.

tell me it straight doctor.



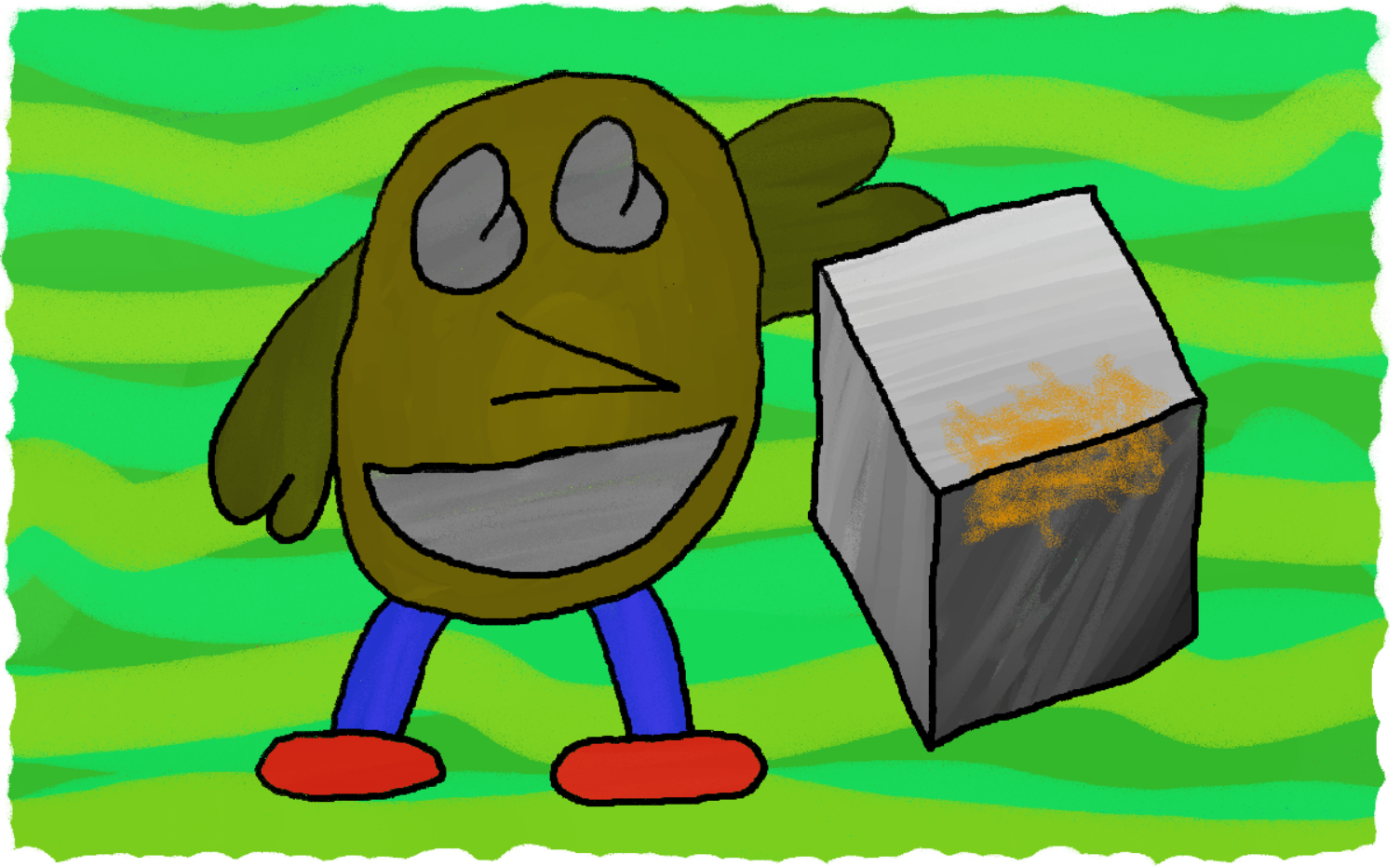
good news is that i found  
a scratch and win lottery  
ticket on the floor  
redeemable for a free  
scratch and win lottery  
ticket.



bad news is that steel  
has rust.

i am sorry but it is  
incurable. there is no  
thing i can do.





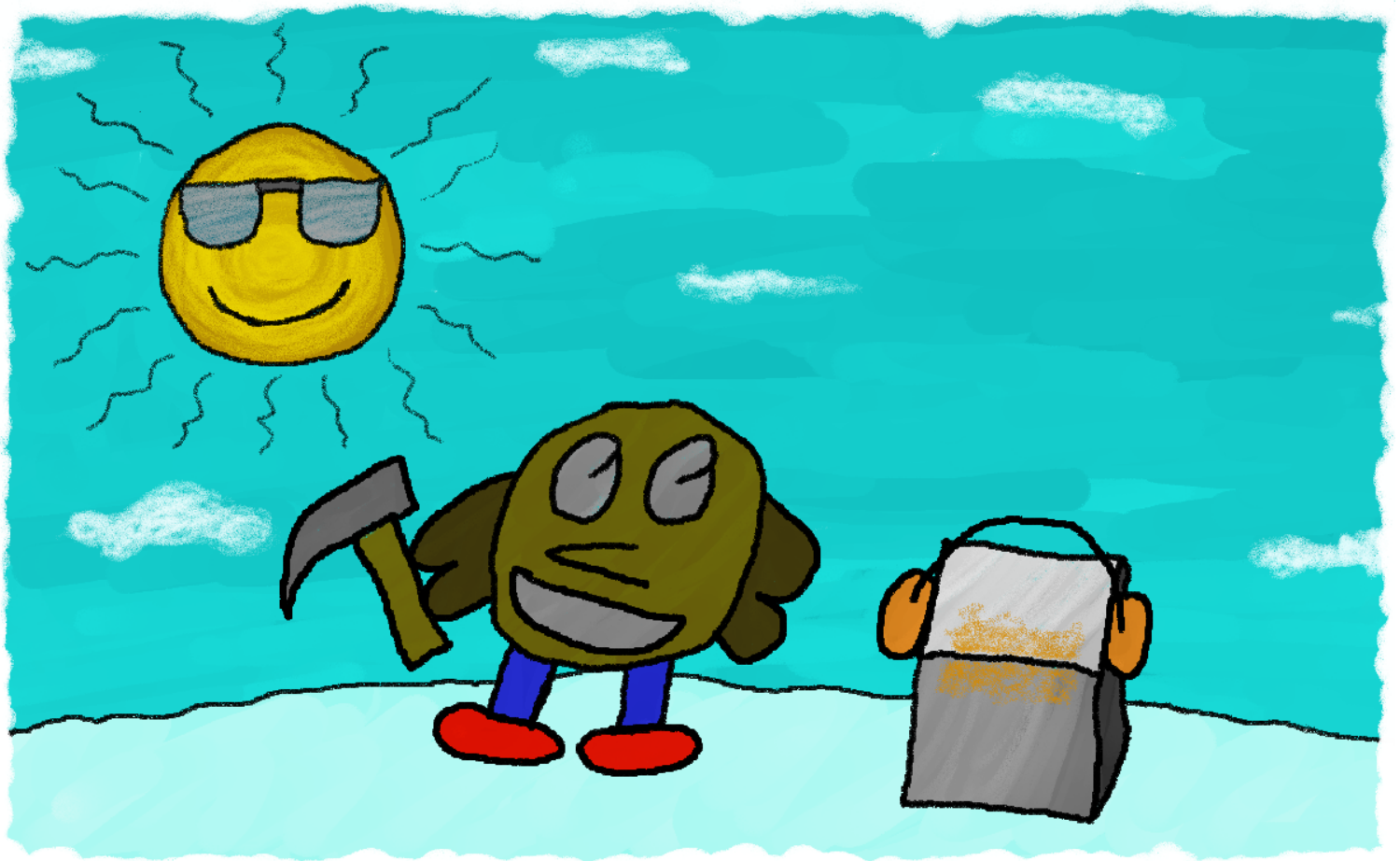
it is time for a new  
escapade.

let us find the rust cure  
together!



hiratio and steel set off  
to the tallest mountain  
in all the lands.

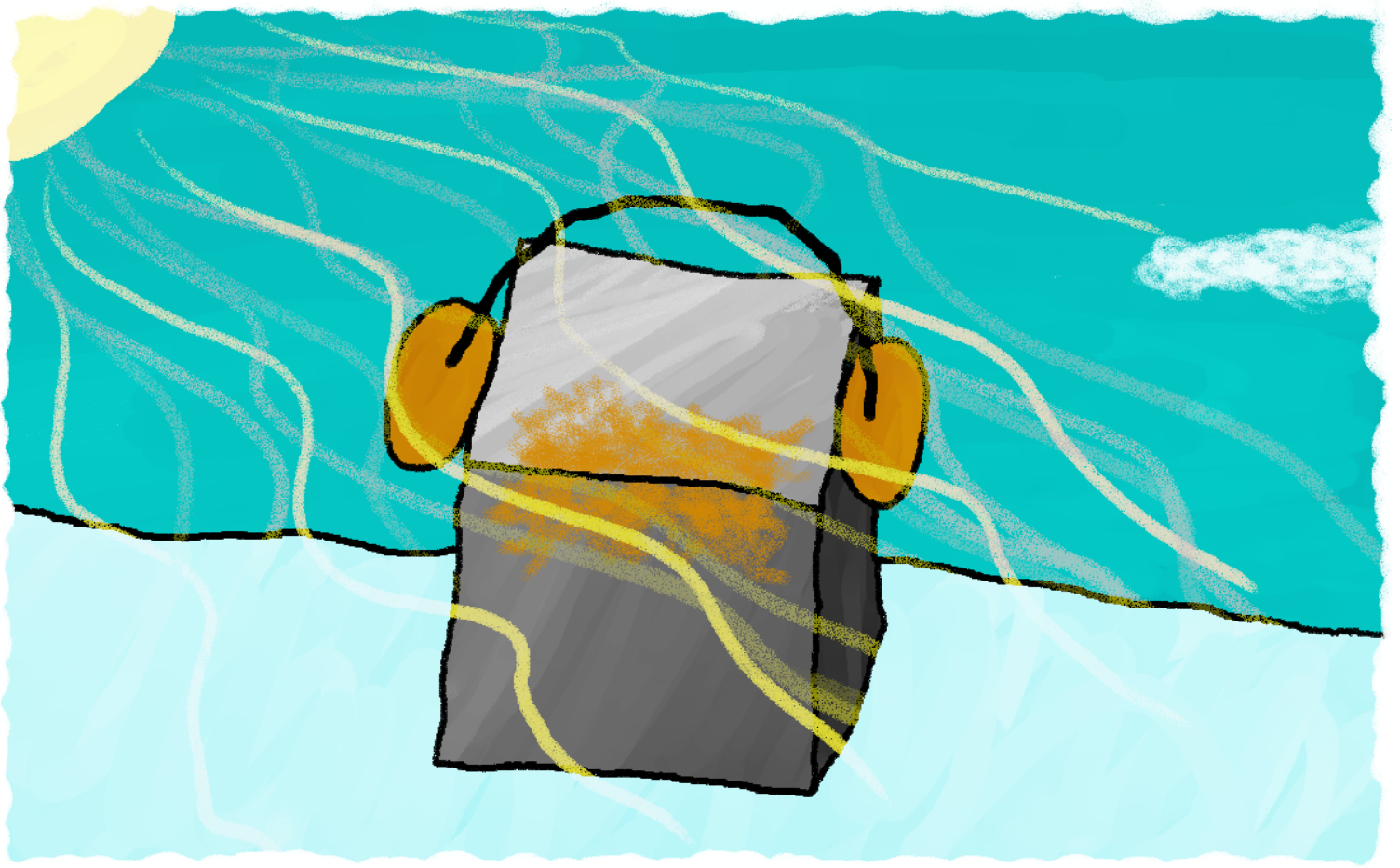
maybe the sun can  
cure steel's rust.



sun can you cure steel?

the sun agreed to help.  
he would use his sun  
beams to defeat the rust.





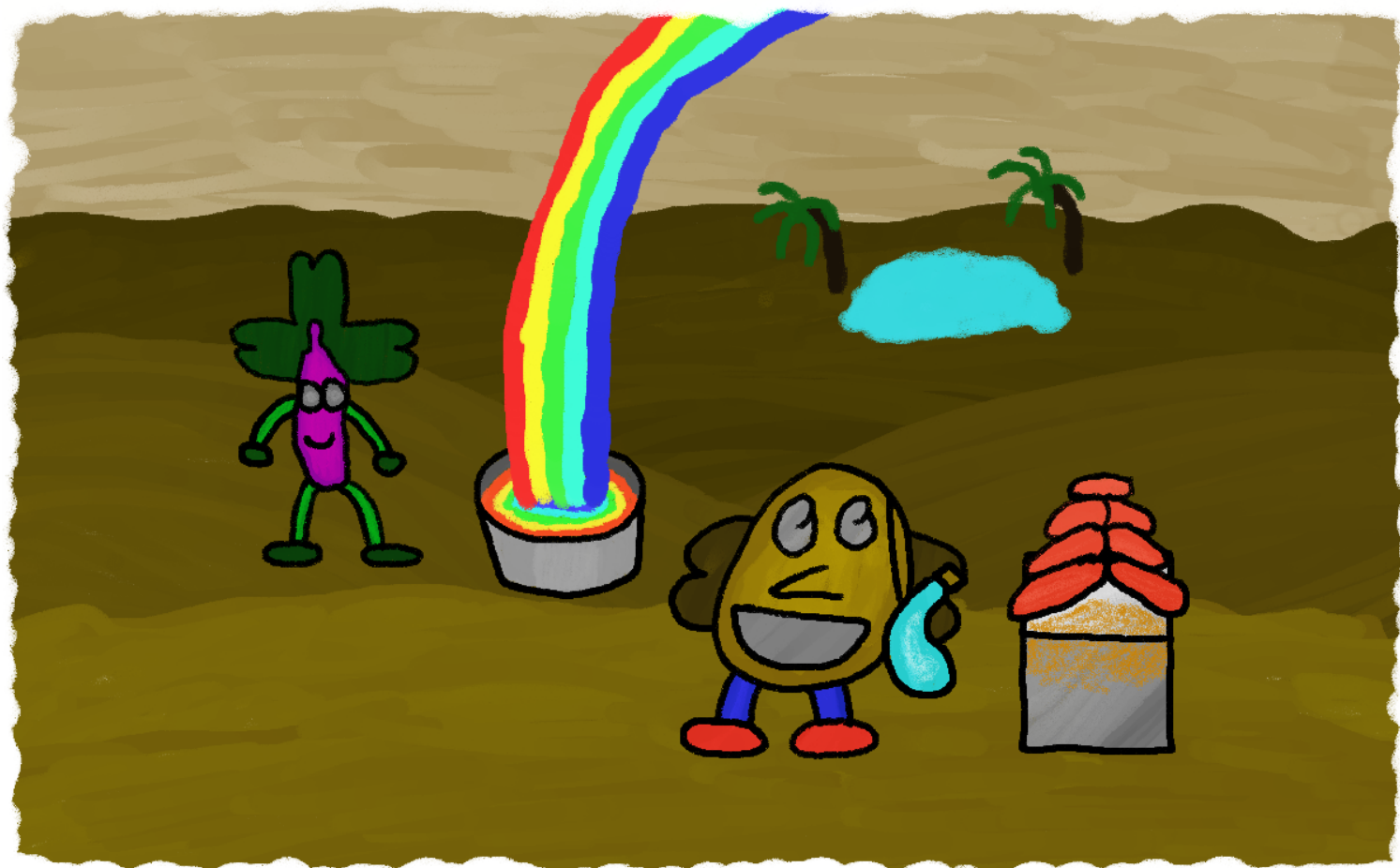
the sun focused all  
his rays on steel.

but the rust remained...



hiratio and steel  
wandered the desert  
plains.

maybe rhubarb knows  
how to beat rust.



rhubarb can you fix steel?

i have rainbow juice that  
cures all ails.

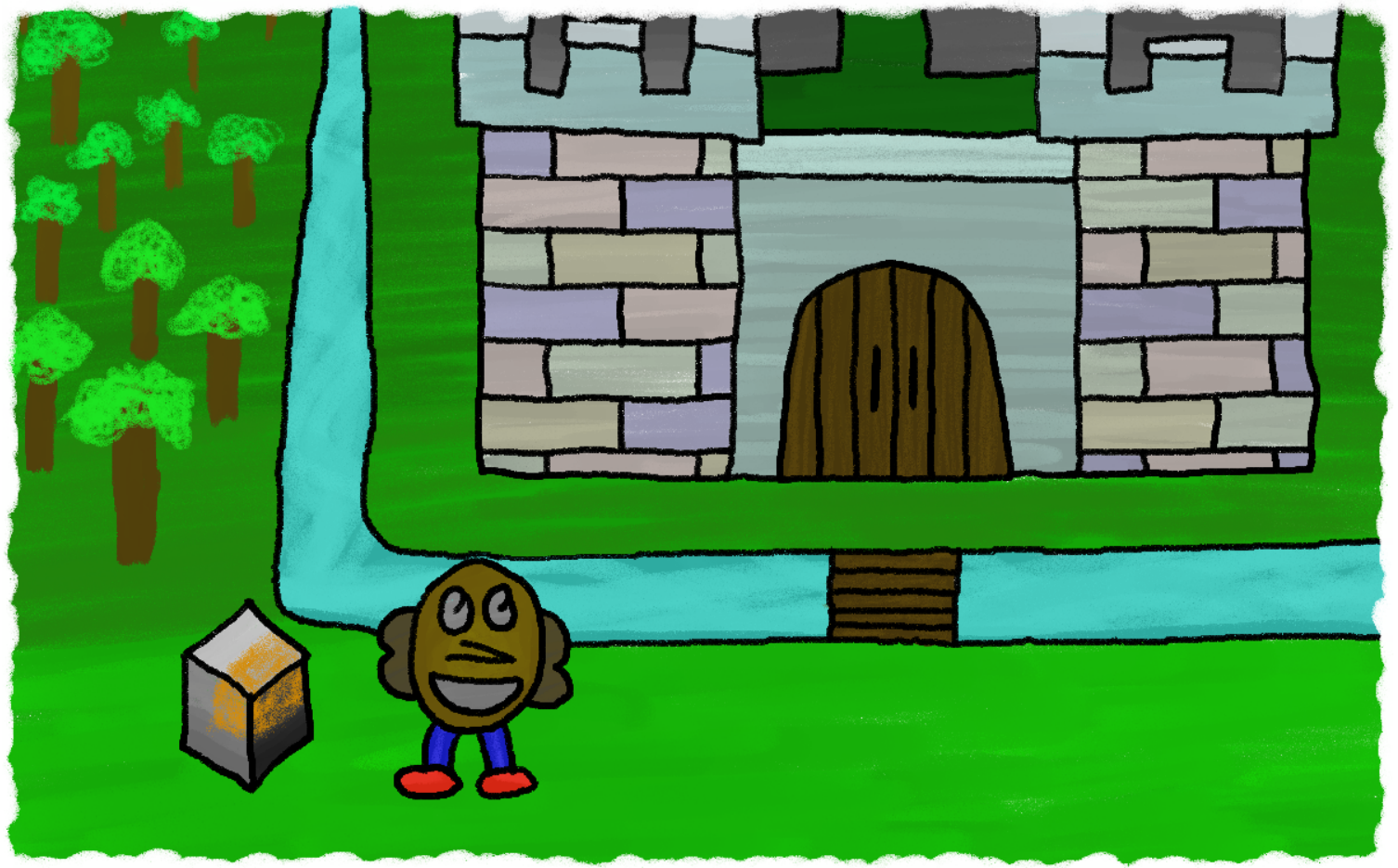
try giving this to steel.





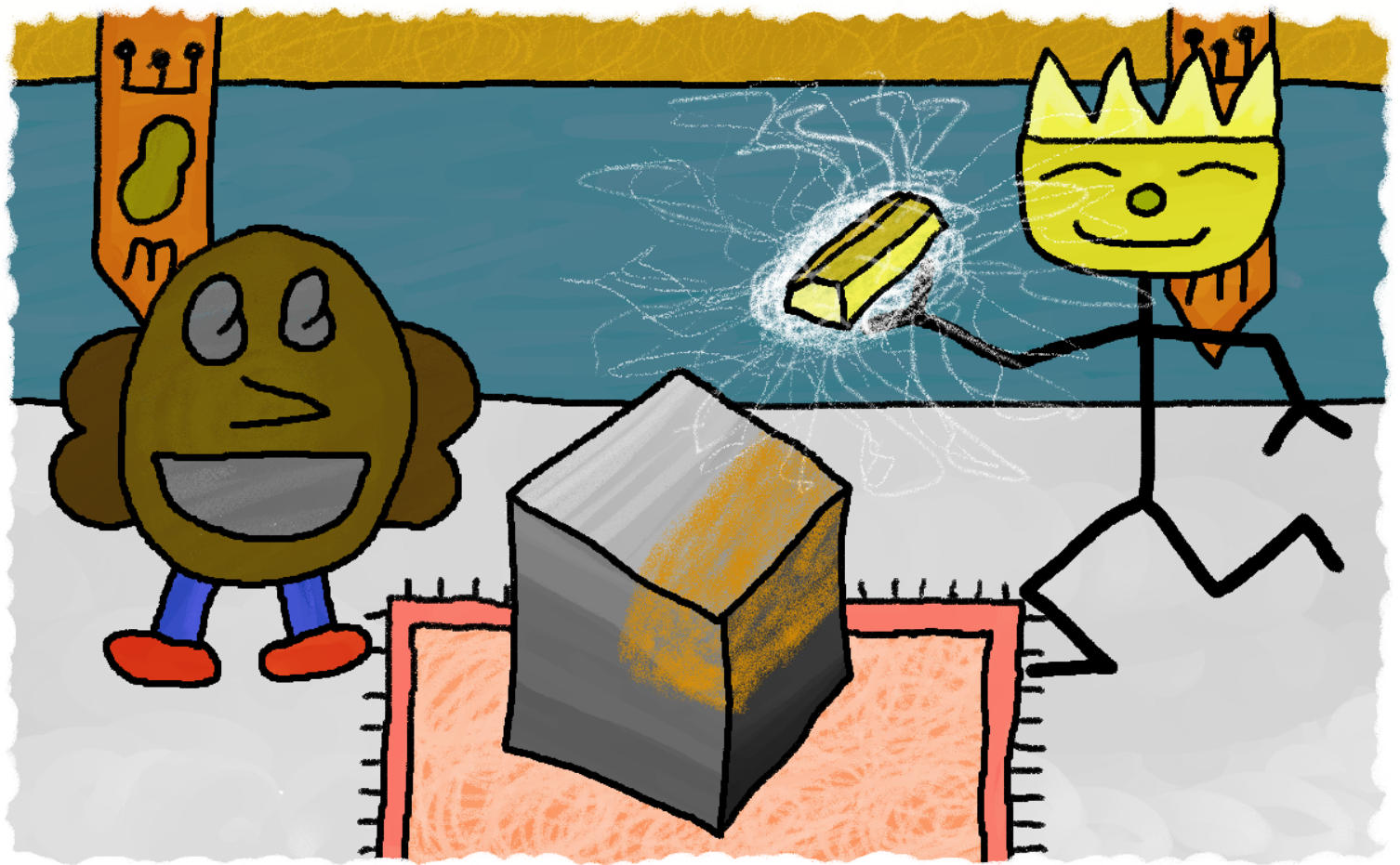
he poured the rainbow  
juice on steel.

the rust was unaffected...



hiratio and steel went to  
spud castle.

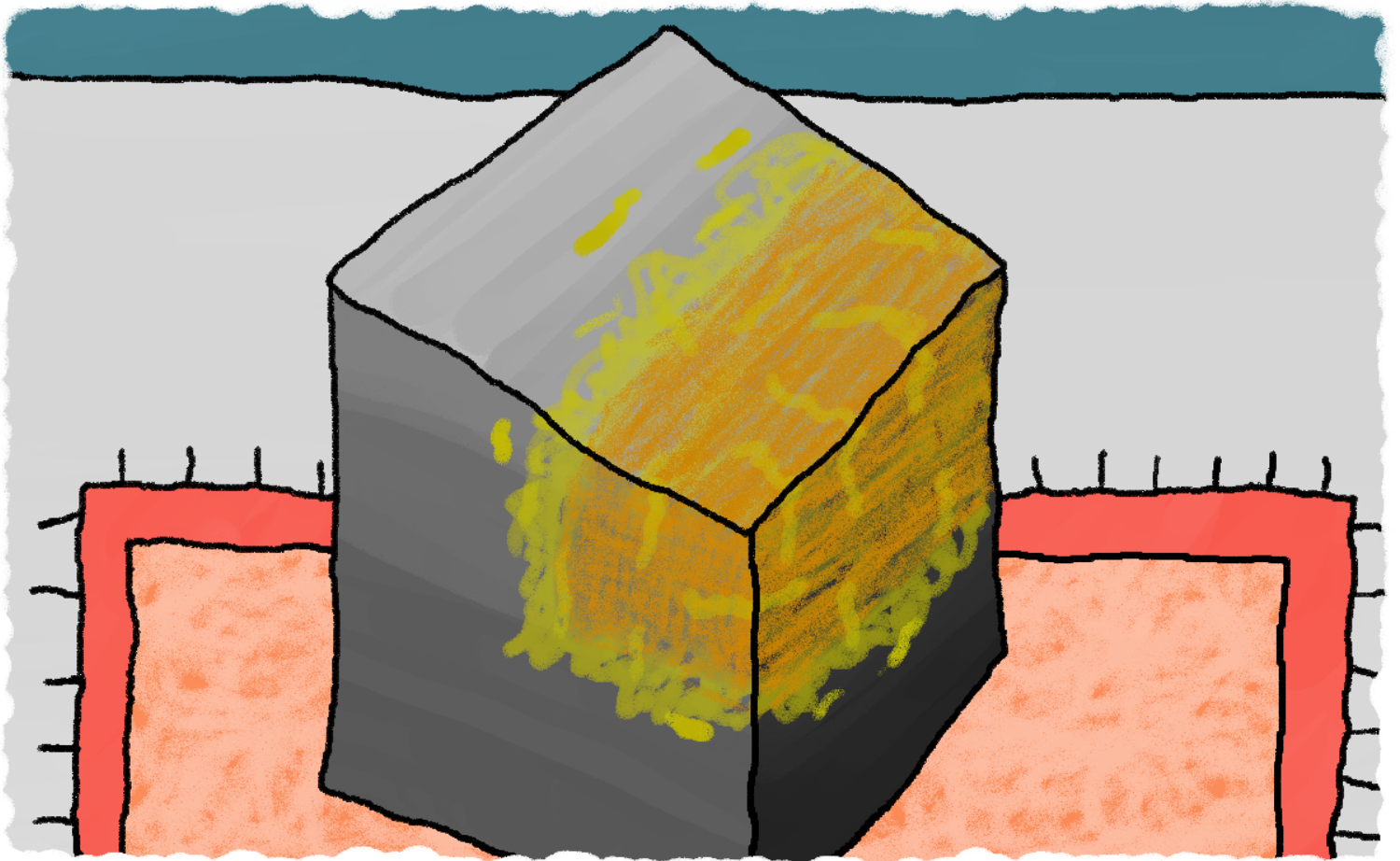
maybe the king of spud  
town can solve this rust.



king do you know how  
to stop rust?

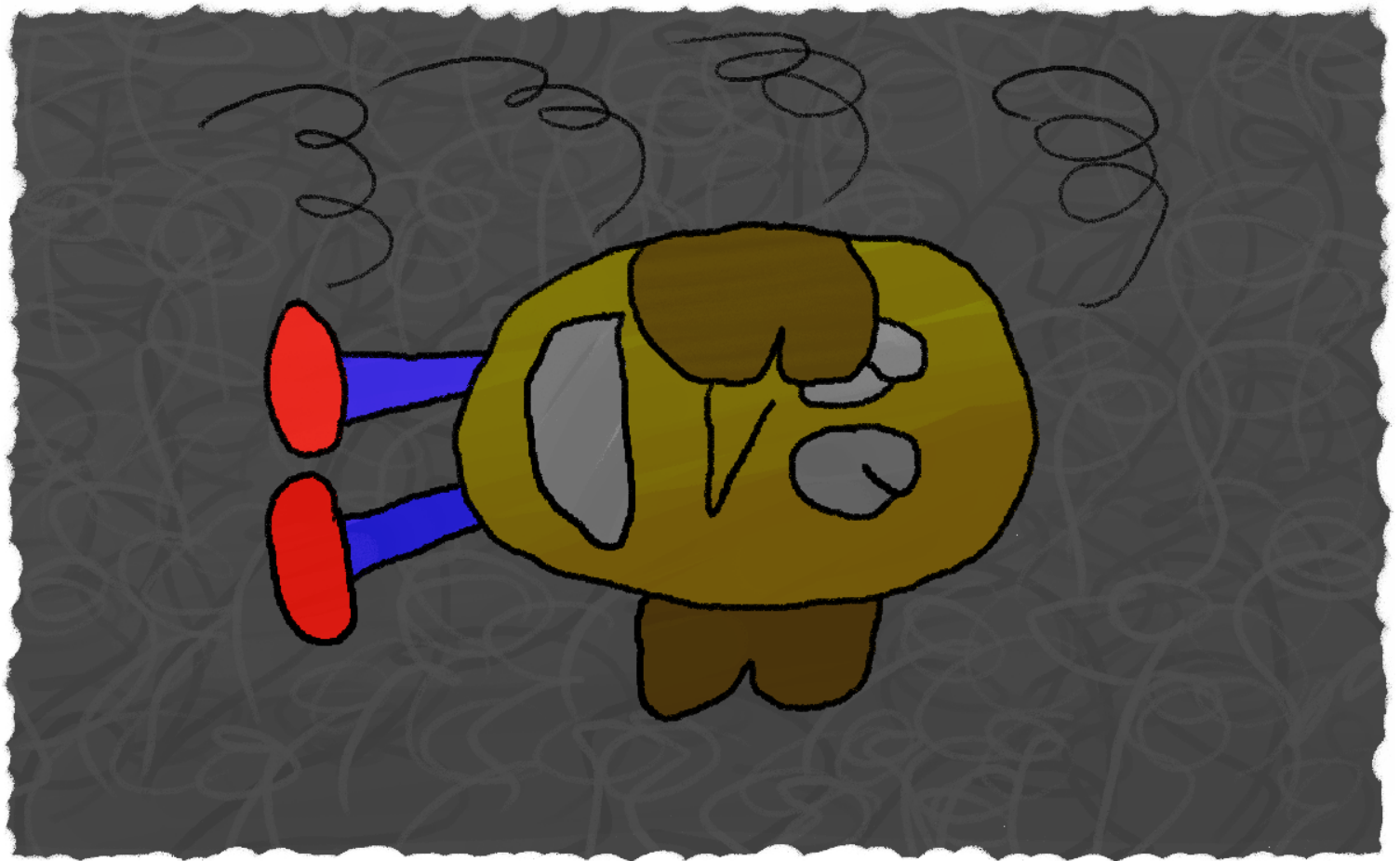
purestrain gold cannot  
rust or rot. coat steel with  
this and he will be saved.





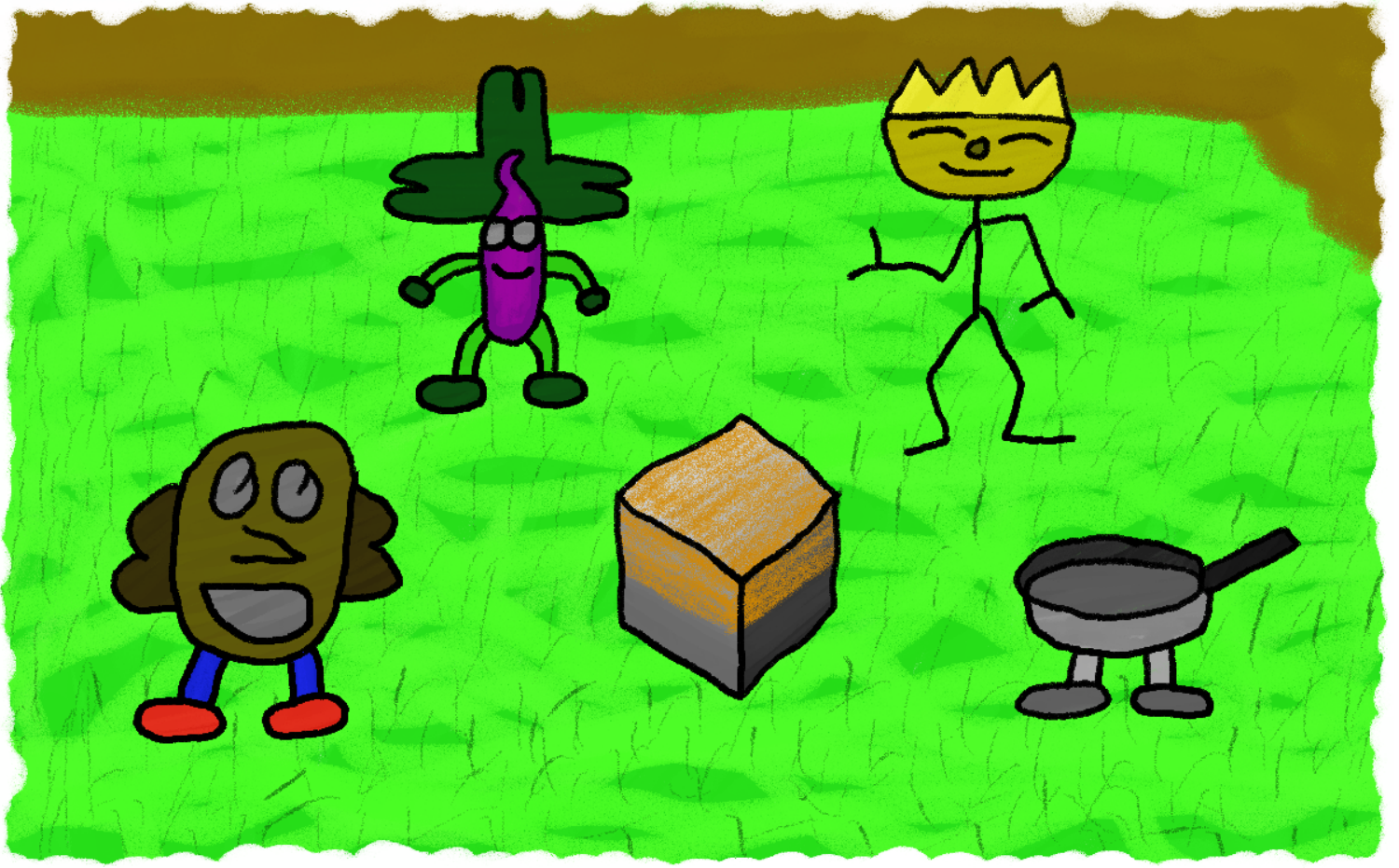
hiratio coated steel with  
purestrain gold.

and the rust ate through...



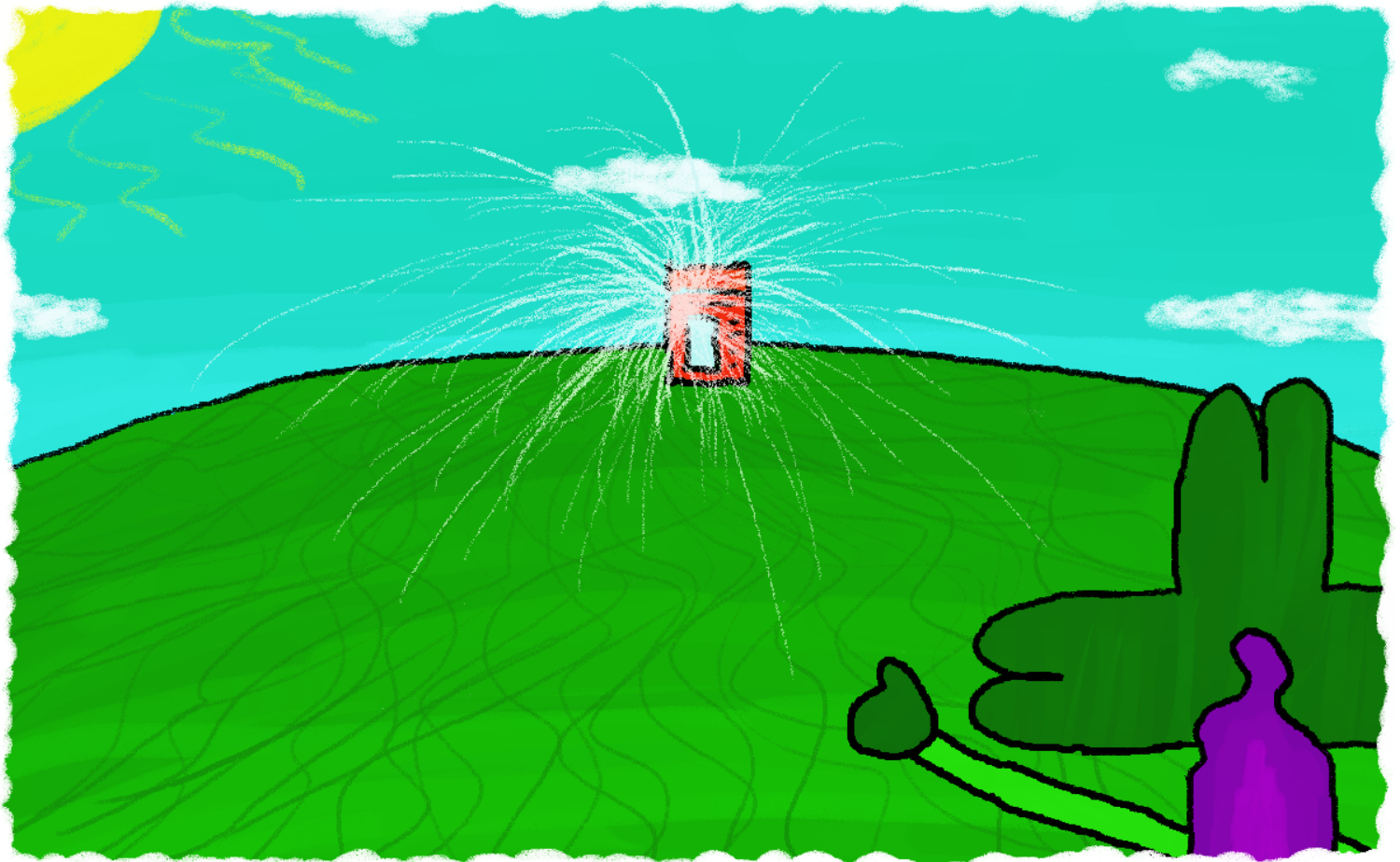
hiratio was exhausted.  
he tried everything to  
cure steel's rust.

i am sorry i have  
failed you steel.



all of steel's friends gathered together. steel did not have much time before he would turn completely into rust.





just then a blinding  
object was spotted  
in the distance.

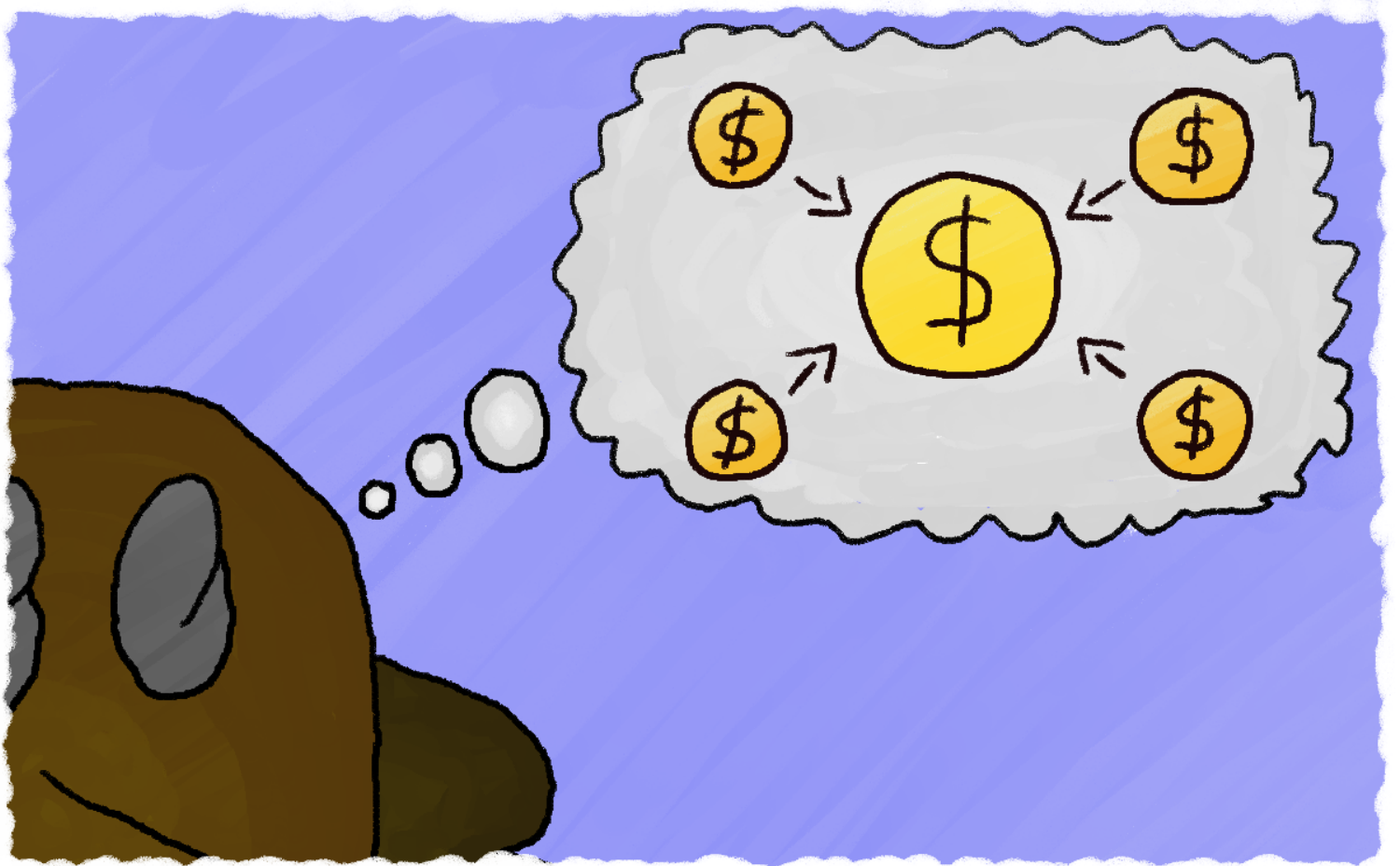
what is that glint in  
the pasture?





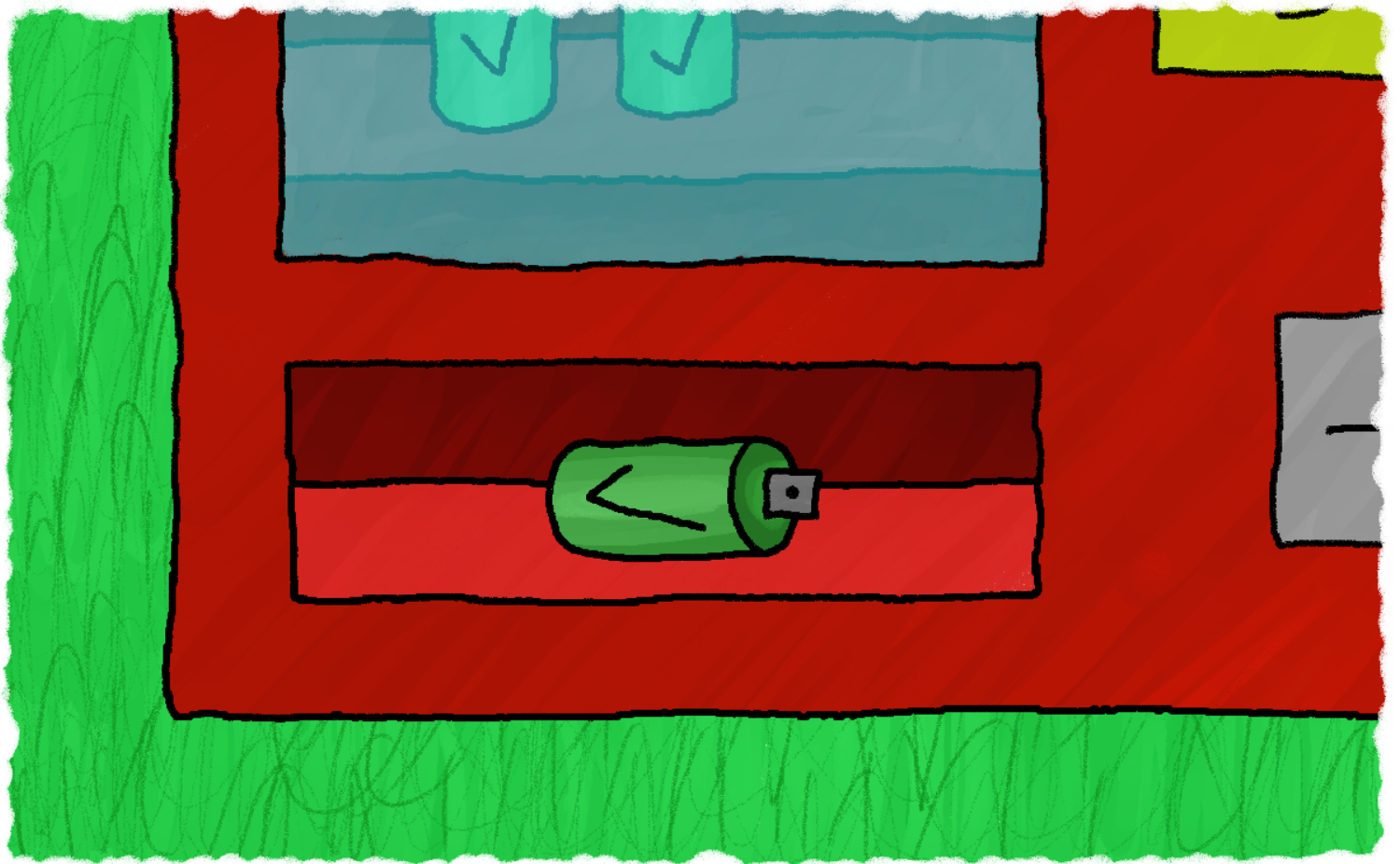
to the surprise of all it  
was a vending machine  
with the rust cure!

this cure is very  
expensive. how to buy  
cure?



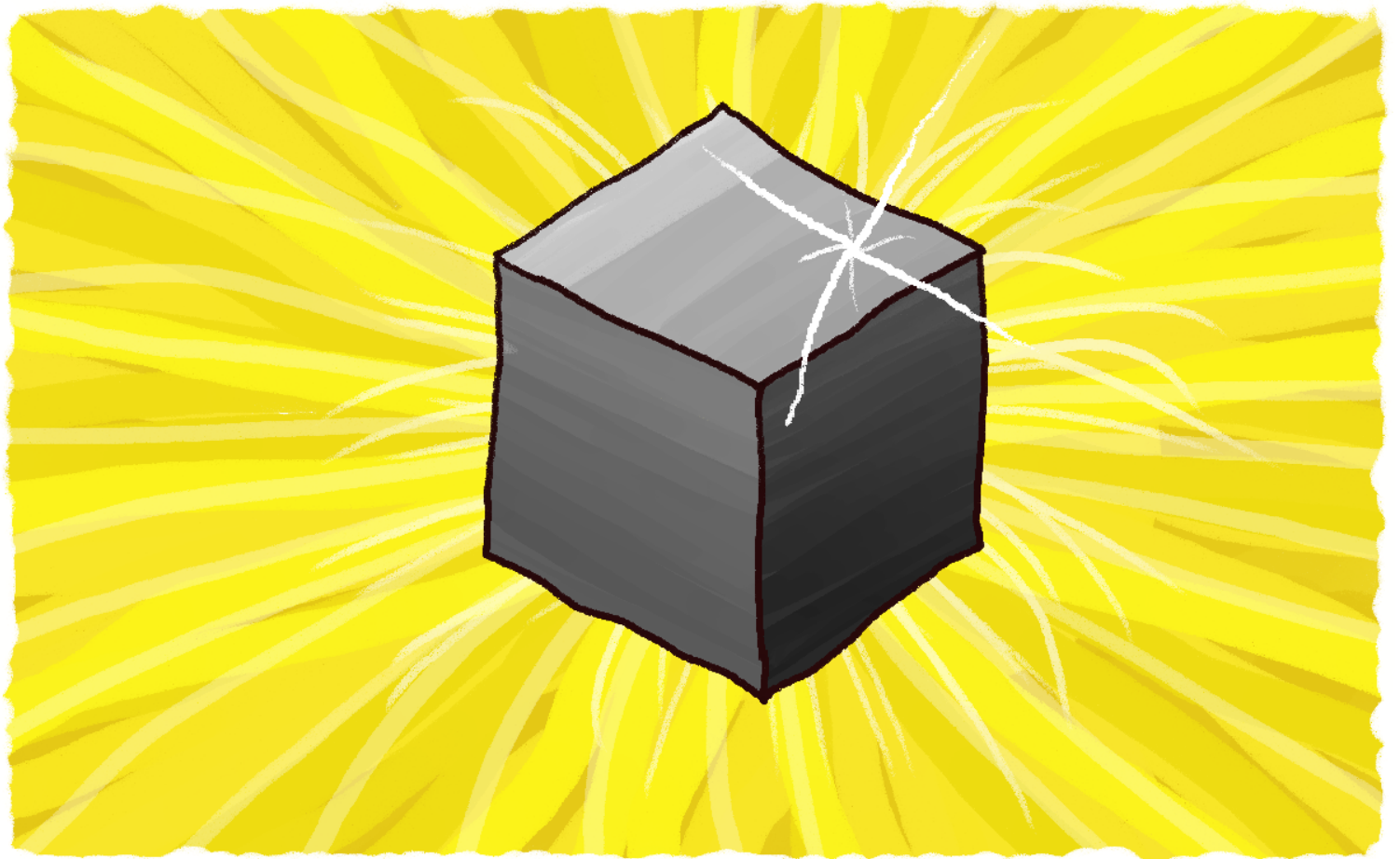
no one of them could afford it. then hiratio had an idea.

let us combind all of our dubloons to buy this!



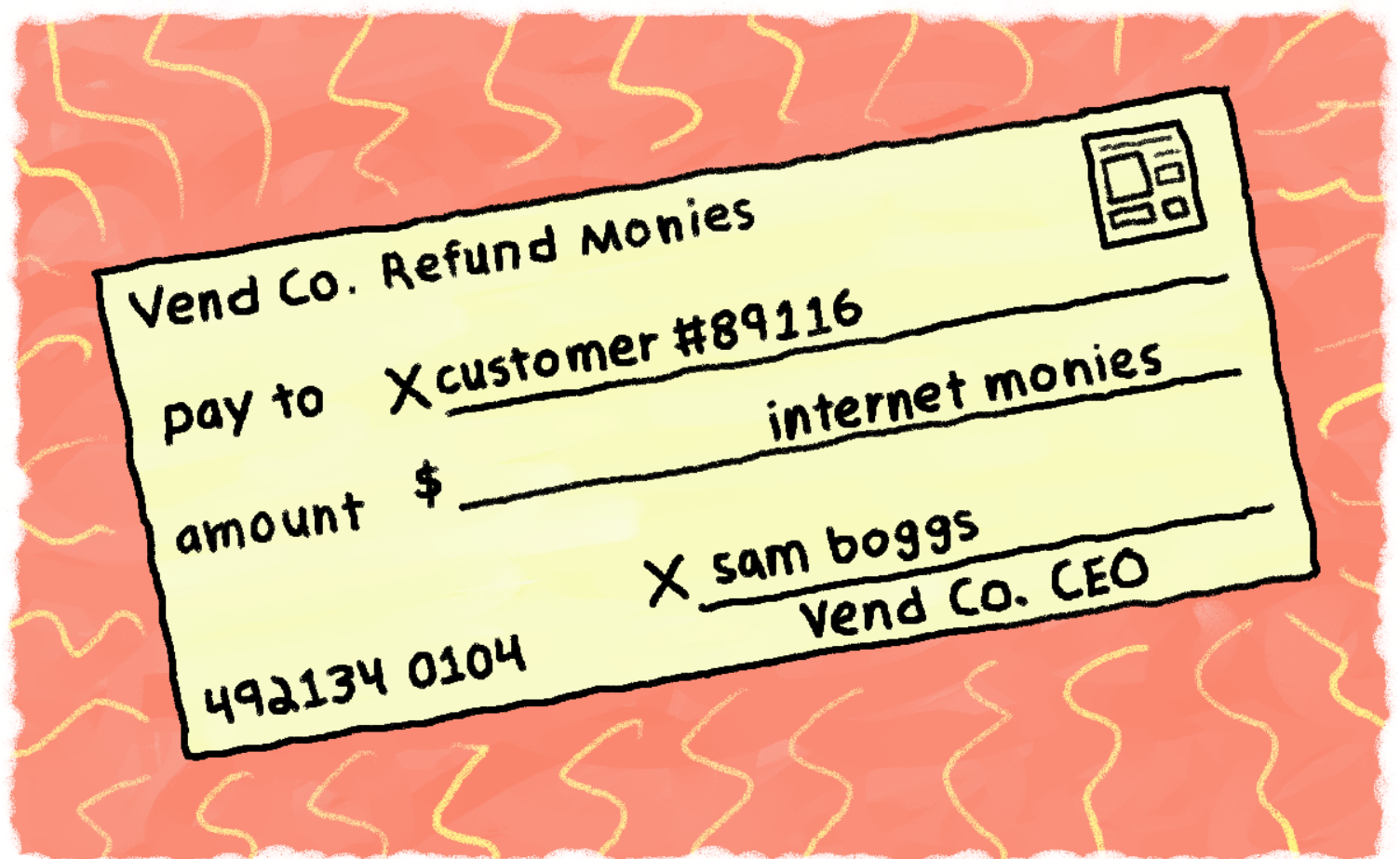
all of steel's friends  
poured their dubloons  
into the machine and the  
rust cure dispensed!



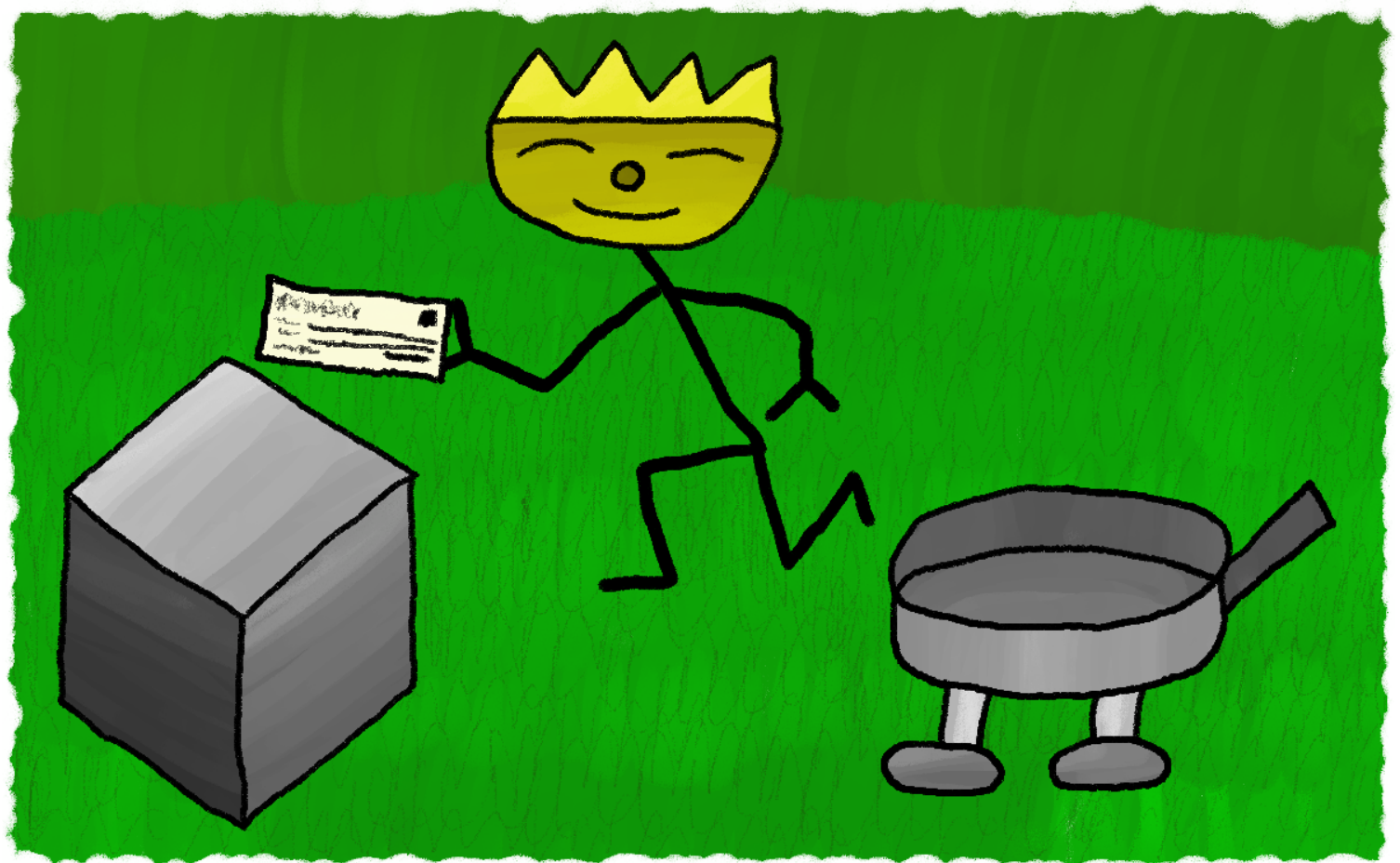


hiratio gave the  
rust-b-gone to steel.

the rust no longer  
remained!



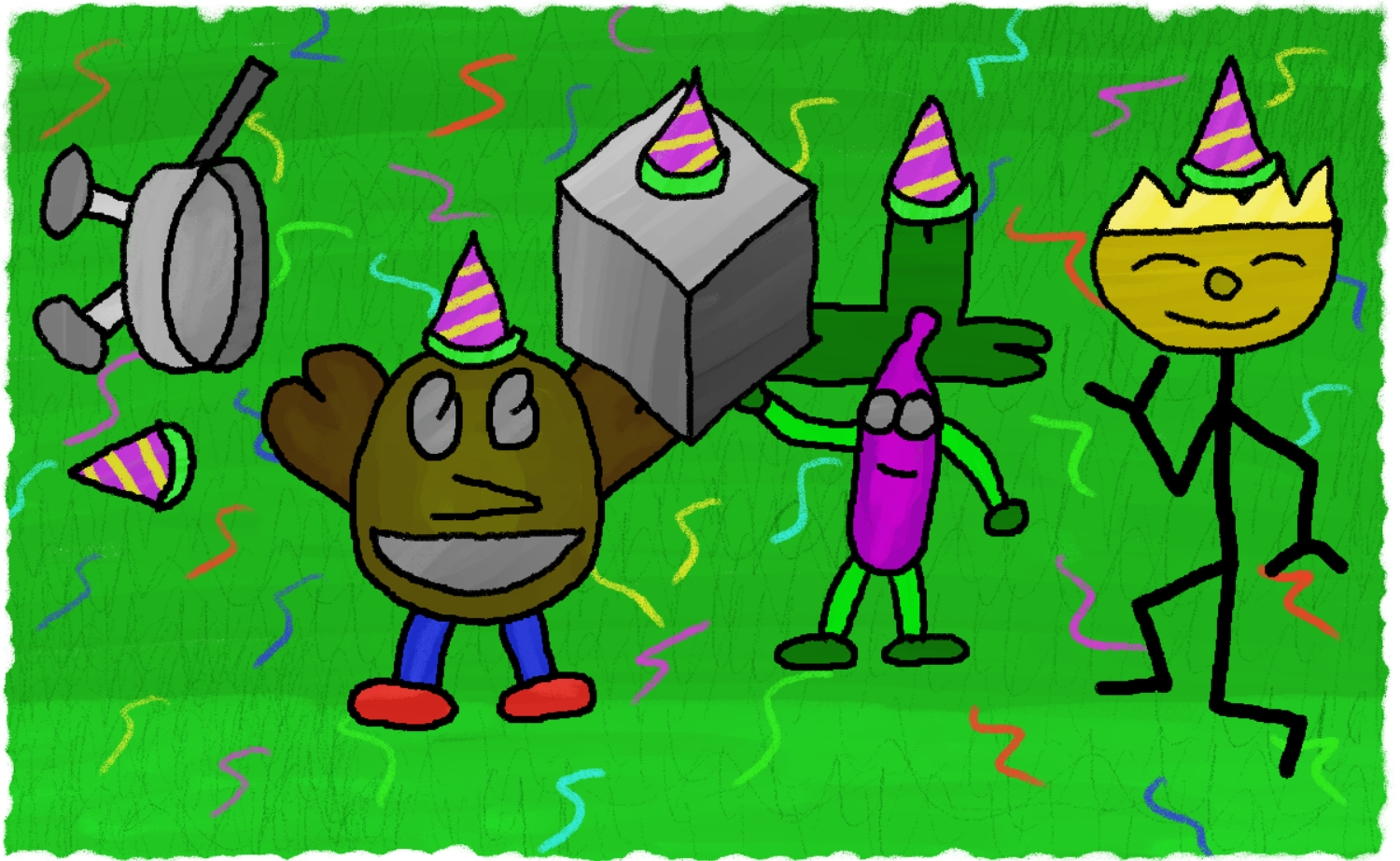
hiratio and friends  
poured more dubloons  
into the vending machine  
than necessary. a refund  
cheque was printed!



let us give this to steel  
in case he needs another  
rust cure.

there is only one thing  
left to do....  
it is party time!





**THE END**